

BILL TO PROTECT POOR DEBTORS

Sheriff Erlanger Makes Public Provisions of a Proposed Act Designed to Remedy Ludlow Street Jail Abuses.

SENATOR FITZGERALD IS ITS FOSTER-PARENT.

If It Becomes Law, Instalment Sharks Will Be Checked—No Arrests in Debt Cases, Except for Contempt of Court.

The text of Sheriff Mitchell L. Erlanger's bill to abolish the use of Ludlow Street Jail for forcing the friends of poor debtors to pay the balance claimed by instalment sharks, and to stop the practice of beginning actions for breach of promise, alimony and the like, by arresting on an order of arrest on the pretense that the defendant is about to leave the State, was given out by the Sheriff to-day.

The bill does not save the Alimony Club man whose case has been adjudicated. Where the court has awarded alimony its decree will still be enforced by imprisonment if it is ignored, but it will be impossible, if this law passes, to throw a man into jail on the pretext that he is about to leave the State and before the case has ever been in court.

This law, dear to the heart of Sheriff Erlanger, who has been moved by the suffering he has witnessed among his debtors, looked up because they simply couldn't pay, while their families were deprived of their bread-winner, will save several thousand dollars of the annual income of the Sheriff and cause a substantial reduction of the force of Sheriff's deputies.

From and after the passage of this bill, no arrest or imprisonment in any civil action or proceeding, in any court of this State, whether of record or not, shall be made, except for contempt of court or other judicial or legislative authority, or upon attachment or other process issued in proceedings to provide for such contempt and upon executions in favor of wage-earners, as provided in Section 74, Chapter 86, of the Laws of 1902, known as the Municipal Court Act of the City of New York.

WEEK OF GOOD-BYS TO EDNA MAY AND THE SCHOOL GIRL

Black Night the Audience Waits After the Performance for Her.

A big audience at Daly's Theatre last night refused to leave their seats for the minutes after the performance of "The School Girl." Men and women in the boxes and all over the house waited until the lights were nearly out and the orchestra had almost finished the finale.

Then they began to shout and applaud, and at length, as with one voice, cried out a speech. It looked as if the actress had had time to wash up and to home, and there was considerable doubt as to what it all meant. While the audience waited the lights went up. There was another interval, and then Edna May and George Grossmith, Jr. came before the curtain.

"Good-by," "Good-by," was heard from every part of the house. The actress smiled, bowed and bowed and smiled, but before she could say a word of "Speech! Speech!" she was heard.

Mr. Grossmith looked at Miss May, and Miss May smiled at Mr. Grossmith. At last the comedian stepped forward bashfully and said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: You don't know how sorry we are to say good-by. We don't like to leave you after five months' pleasant stay, and we don't want to go. Parting is sweet sorrow. I don't want to go back at all, but they've sent for me, and I'm going home, after our tour over the national anthem, 'Bedelia.'"

More applause and the audience filed out. (This scene is nightly repeated at Daly's this week, where the performance is a series of leave-takings for Edna May and "The School Girl" company, who have been tremendous New York favorites for five months.)

JUSTICE E. B. AMEND ILL.

Confined to House with Severe Cold, but Condition Not Serious.

Justice Edward B. Amend, of the Supreme Court, is confined to his home, No. 124 East Eighty-seventh street, with a severe cold. He is under the care of Dr. Simon J. O'Neill, of No. 242 Central Park West.

Justice Amend was sitting in Trial Term, Part VIII., and that part was closed to-day.

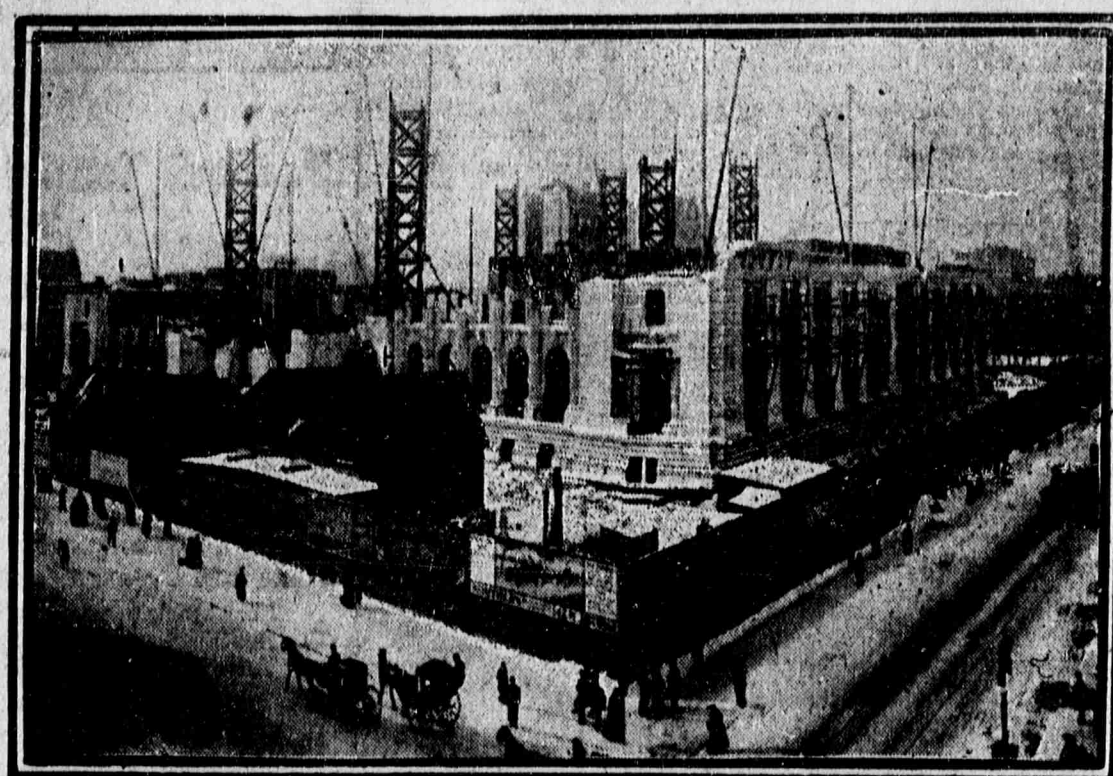
The Justice had a severe attack of pneumonia about a year ago, and has been sensitive to weather changes since his recovery. His present illness is not considered serious.

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N. Y. Public Library as It Looks To-Day



PRESENT CONDITION OF THE NEW LIBRARY.

ACTING on the orders of Mayor McClellan, painters began to-day erasing the signs which have for the past year defaced the fence surrounding the New York Public Library, now in process of construction at Fifth avenue and Forty-second street. All the advertisements are being wiped out with a heavy coat of green paint of the same shade as that which originally covered the fence. The peculiar shade was recommended by the Municipal Art Commission as being in harmony with the grass in Bryant Park in the late spring and summer.

From the accompanying picture the reader can gain an idea of how far the work on the library has progressed. Its construction is being more energetically pushed now than at any time during the last three years.

Marcella, thirty-five years, of No. 10 Abbott street, Jamaica, and Antonio Seneca, forty years, who lived on the Rockaway road in Jamaica.

Those injured were: Pellegrino Gaviola, who sustained a fracture of the skull; he is expected to recover. Eugene Feno, injured internally and right arm fractured; will die. Constant Venti, arms and face injured. Antonio Arata, scalp wound.

The victims were members of a gang that have been employed by the railroad to clean the tracks along the line. Just before the train, which was from Brooklyn, rushed along a freight train passed and it is claimed that the smoke was so thick that the men did not notice the approach of the passenger train which crashed in to them.

Several of the men who were on the track saw the locomotive in time to jump out of the way.

John Walsh, the engineer of the train, was arrested and later arraigned before Magistrate Hickey at Far Rockaway. The police have been able to learn the name of only one of the victims, that of the foreman of the gang, Marianna, of No. 56 Johnson avenue, Jamaica. He was one of the men killed.

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POUNDED BY SEAS 11 DAYS

Crew of the Schooner Julian K. Archer Rescued in Mid-ocean by the Steamship Nubia and Taken Off Foundering Vessel.

SHIP DISMANTLED IN TERRIFIC HURRICANE.

With Rudder Unshipped, Drifted About at Mercy of the Sea—Brought Here by Hamburg-American Liner Prinz Adalbert

When the Hamburg-American liner Prinz Adalbert docked in Hoboken to-day she had aboard a shipwrecked crew of six men who were picked up in mid-ocean from the foundering three-masted schooner Julian K. Archer, bound from Nova Scotia to Trinidad.

After drifting helplessly about the ocean for eleven days the plight of the schooner was seen by the Hamburg-American steamship Nubia, bound for Japan. The Nubia soon after spoke the Prinz Adalbert, and the men were transferred to that vessel. The crew is composed of the following: Capt. George Longhurst, Mate Noah Dorey and seamen Edward Hiles, Ross Hiles, Seton Hagan and Robert Buchanan.

The Julian K. Archer sailed from Nova Scotia with a cargo of lumber and fish. She encountered splendid weather and fair winds until arriving in mid-ocean, when she ran into a hurricane. During the first day of the blow the schooner was dismantled, masts, rigging and running gear going by the board. Before daylight the rudder had been unshipped and the boat floundered in the trough of the sea, absolutely helpless.

The hull was stanch enough to withstand the terrific pounding of the waves, and as there were plenty of provisions aboard the crew suffered no great hardship. For eleven days the dismantled hull drifted about at the mercy of the sea and ocean tides.

Every night tar barrels were burned, and the men say that many vessels must have seen them, as they sighted many lights well up on the horizon. It

was not until the Julian K. Archer had drifted into latitude 37.0, longitude 83.3 that any steamship came within hailing distance. Then the Hamburg-American liner Nubia crossed the path of the schooner and picked up the crew. The men will be shipped back to Nova Scotia. Capt. Longhurst says that his boat was leaking badly when he left her and could probably not have lived another week.

VALUES AFFECTIONS OF HIS WIFE AT \$15,000.

Newburg Man Sues a Prominent Physician There—Case Set for Trial on the 9th.

NEWBURG, Jan. 5.—Nathaniel Ferrill has sued Dr. Fred M. Phillips, a prominent married physician, son of a Methodist clergyman, for \$15,000 damages for the alienation of the affections of Mrs. Ferrill.

Ferrill resides here, but is employed at West Point. He has been married ten years. It is charged that he found two letters from the doctor to his wife, after which the wife made a sworn confession.

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